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Practitioner's Docket No. 25961-710

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Arvind Krishnamurthy, et al.) Group No.: 2171
Serial No.: 09/997,208) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: November 28, 2001)
For: Method and Apparatus for Extraction)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted ~~prior~~ to the examination on the merits. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Please ~~amend~~ the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

AI --This application is a continuation-in-part and claims priority to U.S. Application No.10/045,620, filed November 19, 2001, entitled "Method And Apparatus for Extraction" [Attorney Docket No. 25961-709]; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/933,885, filed August 20, 2001; U.S. Application No. 09/935,782, filed August 22, 2001; U.S. Application No. 09/940,188, filed August 27, 2001; U.S. Application No. 09/935,783, filed August 22, 2001; and U.S. Application No. 09/933,888, filed August 20, 2001; which claims the benefit of one or more of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/226,479, filed August 18, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,125, filed August 22, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,875, filed August 25, 2000. These applications are herein incorporated by reference.--